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Office Action Summary	Application No. 10/613,370	Applicant(s) TSEKHANOVSKY ET AL.	
	Examiner Andre' L. Jackson	Art Unit 3677	

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 26 October 2005.
- 2a) ☐ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-24 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 1-14 and 21-24 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 15 and 18 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 16, 17, 19 and 20 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Continued Examination Under 37 CFR 1.114

A request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, including the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e), was filed in this application after final rejection. Since this application is eligible for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, and the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e) has been timely paid, the finality of the previous Office action has been withdrawn pursuant to 37 CFR 1.114. Applicant's submission filed on October 26, 2005 has been entered.

Claim Objections

Claim 18 is objected to because of the following informalities: In line 1, delete "further comprising an airflow control valve". The above phrase limitation is duplicated. Appropriate correction is required.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claim 15 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by USPN 4,004,372 to Beard et al. Beard et al discloses a sliding door device comprising; a cable (20a) having a first end attached to a door frame during use; at least one tensioning means (H) tensioned by the cable during use; and an air piston (E) including a piston rod (35) linked to the tensioning means, the

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piston rod causing a pushing action as the piston rod is moved into the air piston, thus providing a controlled release of the tension in the tension means to control closure speed of the sliding door during use.

As to claim 18, the sliding door device further including an airflow control valve (40) within a wall of the piston for controlling intake and outlet and controlling closure speed of the sliding door.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 16, 17, 19 and 20 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claims 1-14 and 21-24 are allowed.

Response to Applicant's Arguments

Applicant's arguments filed in the Amendment on September 9, 2005, with respect to the rejection(s) of claim(s) 15 and 18 over #5,622,007 to Archer have been fully considered and are persuasive. Therefore, the rejection has been withdrawn. However, due to applicant's necessity to amend the claims, further consideration has been performed, thus a new ground(s) of rejection is made in view of applicant's amendment to the claims, in particular, #4,004,372 to Beard et al has been cited, made of record and applied to meet the claim limitations as currently presented. Accordingly, claims 15 and 18 have been found to be unpatentable over Beard et al. Claims 1-14 and 21-24 are allowed over the prior art and claims 16, 17, 19 and 20 are objected to.

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Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Andre' L. Jackson whose telephone number is (571) 272-7067. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon. - Fri. (9:30 am - 6 pm).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Judy J. Swann can be reached on (571) 272-7075. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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